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Embracing Challenge

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The Business and Economics Department

The Business & Economics department is a popular and academically successful department achieving excellent KS4 results, with a 100% A*- C pass rate in GCSE Business and at KS5 75% A*-C in A Level Business. Students perform equally as well in Economics with 84% A* - C in A Level Economics. These results are a testament to the departments vision to "create a climate of purpose by which aspiration and passion are the central attitudes of any tasks, responsibility or role undertaken." Both teachers and students alike will endeavor to take charge in instilling and endorsing this approach amongst their colleagues and ensuring a culture of shared success.

Department Staffing

The department is currently staffed with 1 Head of Business & Economics accompanied by a full time Business & Economics teacher and an associate Economics Teacher. This is a strong department with continued growth which offers a close knit and supportive environment.

Department Accommodation

The Business & Economics department has 2 dedicated classrooms, and a shared office which has working space for the department. The department has extensive storage facilities. All of the business and economics classrooms are spacious and light with engaging displays. The department is well resourced with the latest editions of 9-1 GCSE books and annual subscriptions to EzyEconomics and EzyBusiness as well as Financial Times.

Business & Economics Teaching

All pupils are taught in mixed ability groups. There are currently 3 GCSE classes in Year 9, 10 and 11. In Year 12 there are 1 A Level Business group and 2 A Level Economics groups. In Year 13 there is one A Level Business and 1 A level Economics group.

- At GCSE we follow the Edexcel linear course and is one of the most popular subjects with continued growth in numbers of the last 3 years.
- At A Level Business: Edexcel Syllabus
- At A Level Economics: OCR Syllabus

Extra-Curricular

We seek to provide extracurricular opportunities for pupils to engage with Business and Economics at all levels. Year 12 have the opportunity to take part in the Young Enterprise Company programme alongside attending revision workshops to consolidate Year 12 learning in preparation for the Level exams. This year a group of Year 9 selected individuals based a selection process took part in the Peter Jones Tycoon in Schools competition. In Year 12, Economists put themselves forward to take part in the Shares4Schools competition focused on the buying and selling of shares. Year 13 are invited to attend A Level revision workshops

focused on consolidating their learning and refining exam technique. The department is proactive in seeking opportunities to enrich students learning and provide opportunities for skill development alongside academic rigor. For the past 2 years enterprising Year 12 students have spent a day with a local primary school acting as judges to a Dragons Den style pitch from groups of students aged between 4-11. In addition, this year our Year 10 students had an opportunity to spend a day at the O2 Telefonica head office focused on developing team working, problem solving and communication skills working alongside O2 Telefonica employees and pitching to senior judges.

We seek to invite external organizations and speakers into school to engage and motivate our students.